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Mapam's Strike, Demonstration Scheduled Today

THE Conference on Central African Federation, interrupted at Victoria Falls last September, has this week been taken up again in London. Beyond the Rhodesian hills to the south, the African place in the democratic sun is being violently debated. Northwards, over the mountains where the Nile starts out, the Africans of Sudan plav for independence and send their emissaries to London. Still farther north, the Africans of Egypt (withdrawing their gaze from Arabia and turning it fixedly upon their own, swabbed continent) rally their wits and their passions in a struggle for unqualified sovereignty. Westwards, along the Mediterranean shore of Africa, the Tunisians put the case for their freedom in hoarse-throated tumult. Even along the Atlantic seaboard, Morocco, Nigerians and the tribes of the Gold Coast lean out from the dark places of subjection and stretch their limbs in the bright, intoxicating light of freedom. The great continent of Africa is on the move.

ASIA has put the West's nose out of joint and so will Africa unless we are wiser than we were. Dr. Malan, protagonist of the ridiculous doctrine of the "white man's burden," almost as ridiculously, call the xanthochrous, blue-eyed, dolichocephalic breed of homo leucodermatous (understandably: "yellow-haired, grey-eyed, long-headed breed of white-skinned man") is not as lonely in his efforts to stem the forward march of the Africans as some of us make believe. The French colonists of Tunisia and Algeria, and their spokesmen in the National Assembly at Paris, are as obstinately and perilously out of date as Dr. Malan. And the legislators of North and South Rhodesia, liberal-sounding as the expression of their sentiments may be, are in practice very little better.

GALILI LEAVES MAPAM COMMITTEES

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Mr. Itzhak Ben-Aharon has taken over from Mr. Israel Galili in the Mapam committee, it was revealed today. The change was effected at the request of Mr. Galili, who announced last July that he needed all his time for Hachibuts Hamehuda, of which he is a leader.

BACK FROM MOSCOW TOMORROW

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Israeli delegates to the Moscow Economic Conference are expected back here on Friday. They took the overland road from Moscow to Constantinople, where they boarded a small cargo ship instead of the a.s. Transylvania, which cancelled her run to Haifa last week.

MACCABI WINS

ANKARA, Wednesday (AP). — The Tel Aviv soccer champions, Maccabi, beat Ankara Hascaltire 1-0 here today.

Welfare Funds Satisfied With Bonds-UJA Local Agreements

By Jesse Zai Lurie, POST Correspondent
NEW YORK, Wednesday. — "I have Ambassador Abba Eban's assurance that there will be no more Indianapolis incidents," Mr. Lazar Goodman of Indianapolis, one of the town's largest bondholders, told the National Welfare Council meeting here on Sunday.

Mr. Harry Lurie, Executive Director of the Council, reported that in other cities where the Bonds and UJA welfare campaigns have been conducted recently all disputes were settled amicably by local leaders, and the National Bond H.Q. did not override local decisions as was the case in Indianapolis.

Mr. Lurie mentioned Cleveland, where Israel's Labour Minister, Mrs. Golda Myerson, spoke under the auspices of the Federation of Jewish Welfare Funds; Omaha and Newark, where plans for Mrs. Myerson's Bond meetings were cancelled on the request of local fund drive leaders, and San Francisco and Los Angeles, where local objections to public Bond meetings addressed by Ambassador Eban during UJA campaigns have been eliminated to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Off For West Coast
Mr. Eban is leaving for the West Coast tomorrow where he will address mass meetings under the auspices of the Israel Consulate, presenting an overall picture of Israel's needs. In each town he will also speak at private meetings selling Bonds.

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Guarantee For NATO Studied

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (AP). — Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today the U.S. and the Western Allies are trying to formulate guarantees against any future break-up of the new six-nation European Defence force.

He said that under consideration now are the problem of dealing with the possible accession of any member of the defence organization and an exchange of guarantees between the 14-nation NATO and the European Defence Community.

The problem, he told his news conference, has been discussed with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. An exchange of guarantees would require amendment to the NATO treaty and this would have to be submitted to the Senate for approval.

Not Specific
Mr. Acheson's remarks were in reply to the question of what would happen if Germany or any other country should secede from the European alliance now being organized in Paris. He declined to comment on this specific point but said the problem of secession and guarantees had been discussed since the recent NATO conference in Lisbon.

Big Three Meet On Reply to Russia

LONDON, Wednesday. — U.S., British and French representatives convened at the Foreign Office today to draft a reply to the Moscow note of April 9 in which the Kremlin suggested all-German elections controlled by the four occupation powers.

Chief delegates at the meeting were Mr. Frank Roberts, head of the German Department of the Foreign Office, Mr. Julius Holmes, U.S. Minister here and M. de Crouy Chaneil, French Minister.

Indicating the contents of the Allied reply, Mr. Eden last night said the West "will not slam the door to negotiations."

He told a dinner of the Newspaper Society that the reply would be constructive.

"It will take account of the desire of the German people for unity without forgetting that a united Germany can only be founded on true independence and a free democratic choice," he said.

Mr. Paul Mason, Assistant Under-Secretary of State responsible for Soviet affairs in the Foreign Office, left for Moscow yesterday on a short visit. The trip was described by officials as a "routine visit to the British Embassy in Moscow."

Hague Talks May Recommend Soon

BONN, Wednesday (INA). — The Hague talks will probably be restarted as soon as the London debt conference resumes its sessions, officials stated. They added that it would be unwise to recommence negotiations before the German government has reviewed all its obligations.

NATO Asked to Choose: Gruenther or Ridgway

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — President Truman is asking NATO member nations to choose between General Gruenther and General Ridgway as a successor to General Eisenhower as Supreme Allied Commander, sources close to the North Atlantic Council said today.

The Council's General Secretary, Lord Ismay, expects to complete private talks on the subject with each of the national delegations before the end of the week.

U.S. To Expedite Flow Of Aid To Israel

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (INA). — Mr. Henry Byrds, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, will make efforts to expedite the flow of mutual security assistance to Israel to provide maximum possible benefits as early as possible from funds which are designated for Israel for the fiscal year.

This was learned today following a visit by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Minister E.D. Gitten to Mr. Byrds.

Mr. Eban reported after the conversation that he asked Mr. Byrds to expedite putting into effect the remaining portion of Mutual Security Funds allocated for the present fiscal year. He said the discussion of Mutual Security and Technical Assistance Programmes was included in the talks, which covered "number of mutual problems."

NO LOCUSTS

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — No locusts had been traced by late tonight by the Plant Protection Service of the Ministry of Agriculture. "Locust swarms" which had settled in the Bet Naphali area this afternoon proved on inspection to be grasshoppers. There was also no report on locusts in the Negev, where a special representative of the service has been on constant move for the past few days.

Truman Refuses To Cut Aid To Hague

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — President Truman declined today to cut off U.S. aid to the Netherlands despite the shipment of strategic oil drilling equipment by Dutch exporters to Poland.

Mr. Truman announced his decision in a letter to Congress. He said it was taking advantage of a clause in the so-called Battle Act which states that aid to a country trading in strategic materials with the Communist bloc may be continued if the President determines that "cessation of aid would clearly be detrimental to the security of the U.S."

Korea Sea, Air War Intensified

TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuter). — Allied warships and carrier-borne aircraft today gave Korea's east coast its worst pounding in months while other U.N. planes blasted Northern supply lines with saturation raids.

Communist MIG jet fighters offered no opposition.

40 Scientists Coming To Desert Conference

Announcing the convening of the first international conference in Israel, the Symposium on Desert Research will be held on May 7. Professor S. Samurkay, Director of the Research Council reported in a radio address last night that more than 40 leading scientists from more than 10 countries would participate in the conference.

Boon Reiterates: Saar Is German

BONN, Wednesday (UP). — The West German Parliament today adopted a Government motion by 191 votes to 135 declaring the Saar a part of Germany and cannot be separated from it without German approval.

Before the German Parliament adopted the motion it rejected by 169 to 142 a Socialist resolution declaring that Parliament should never approve a treaty which would separate the Saar from Germany.

Ike Easy Winner In New York, Pennsylvania

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter). — General Dwight Eisenhower ran out an overwhelming winner in yesterday's Republican Party elections in the States of New York and Pennsylvania, tonight's near final results showed.

Yershov Visits Sharett

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Soviet Minister to Israel, M. Pavel I. Yershov, today called on Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett at Hakirya, at his own request. Present during the half-hour talk was Mr. Arye Levavi, Director of the East European Division of the Foreign Ministry.

The meeting is understood to have had no connection with yesterday's meeting between Mr. Sharett and the British Minister, Sir Francis Evans. Today's talks were officially described as "non-political."

Talks on Egypt In Final Stage

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — The Egyptian Embassy here said Ambassador Abdul Fattah Amr Pasha this evening called at the British Foreign Office in connection with Anglo-Egyptian treaty talks.

U.S. Envoy Calls On Hassuna Pasha

CAIRO, Wednesday (Reuter). — U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery discussed the Anglo-Egyptian situation with Foreign Minister Hassuna Pasha here today.

Mr. Caffery refused to comment on leaving Hassuna Pasha but Egyptian sources said the Ambassador was "still continuing to use his good offices" to settle the outstanding differences between Britain and Egypt.

While Amr Pasha was at the Foreign Office, General Sir Brian Robertson, C-in-C of the British forces in the Middle East, arrived by plane from Cairo. Grinning at inquiring reporters, Gen. Robertson declined any comment on the position in the Suez Canal Zone or his surprise visit which, he said, was for "routine communication with the War Office."

Disorder Threatened In Lebanese Army

There is a danger of disorder in the Lebanese army unless the Government immediately pays the promised compensation to the families of the officers and men who fell in the Palestine War, ANA reported from Beirut yesterday quoting the Lebanese G.O.C. General Fud Shihab. The agency added that the Government had promised as early as a year ago to pay these compensations but financial difficulties had made it impossible to keep the promise.

Watchman Wounded By Marauders

A watchman in a southern settlement was wounded by marauders on Tuesday night. He is Yosef Winkler, 28. He was taken to Sarafand Hospital.

The marauders stole two cows and two calves from the settlement. A cow and a calf were later recovered by the police, but tracks of the others led to the border.

LESS CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION

Currency in circulation dropped by IL320,000 since the last currency statement was issued on April 2 from IL1,977,724,500 to IL1,657,724,500 at the close of banking business yesterday. The decline followed a drop in the amount of treasury bills to IL38,600,000.

MALAN COURT BILL PASSES 1st READING

CAPETOWN, Wednesday (AP). — Premier D.F. Malan's Government won a 70 votes to 60 votes majority today on the first of three readings of his Bill to create a High Court of Parliament above the South African judiciary.

Germans to Build Two Steel Plants At Cairo, Aswan

DUESSELDORF, Wednesday (AP). — Dr. Walter Rohland, former German steel magnate, announced today that he has accepted an offer by the Egyptian Government to direct the building of two steel plants in Aswan and Cairo.

Dr. Rohland, once director-general of the Vereinigte Stahlwerke in the Ruhr, said the Egyptian plants would have a total capacity of 160,000 tons of steel yearly. He said three German firms will contract to build the steel plants.

A West German trade delegation is due to arrive in Cairo at the beginning of next month to strengthen trade ties with the Egyptian Government, NEABS reported. The delegation is to negotiate for the purchase of Egyptian cotton against German machinery and equipment.

Lowest Offers

Prince Abbas Halim, cousin of King Farouk, first indicated last year that the steel plant contracts would be awarded to German firms. He told reporters on a visit here that the German offers had been the lowest received from several countries.

Dr. Rohland became known as "Panzer Rohland" during the war. He was credited with constructing the 60-ton German "Tiger" tank. After the Allies seized the Vereinigte Stahlwerke, he worked as an export merchant.

Tunisian Minister Rallies Arab Support

BAGHDAD, Wednesday (Reuter). — Former Tunisian Minister Mohamed Badier, who has been in Cairo since the French arrested his colleague last month arrived here today on a tour of Arab capitals to discuss the resubmission of Tunisia's case to the U.N.

He was accompanied by the secretary of the Neo-Destour Party, Ali Bahloul. Badier said in a statement, "Tunisia are most grateful to the member states of the Arab League and Pakistan for their stand in defence of the Tunisians' right to self-government and freedom. My visit to Baghdad will be followed by visits to other Arab capitals to cooperate in the resubmission of the Tunisian case to the U.N."

HEIFETZ NOT COMING

NEW YORK, Wednesday. — Jerusha Heifetz has announced the cancellation of his European and Israel tours.

Italian Virtuoso Interprets Modern Music

Music circles look forward to the re-appearance in Israel of LUCIANO LANCIGORIO whose outstanding performance of last year earned him the title of "King of Rhythm." It is no accident that this virtuoso who combines in his youthful interpretation of contemporary music an outstanding technique with a feeling for the artistic values is of special appeal to youthful music enthusiasts. He is due to arrive in Israel on May 2 by arrangement with Paramount Ltd. (Adv.)

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